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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TAKASE ET AL.

Examiner

Masud Ahmed

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Feb 27, 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/06/07, 6/9/06, 4/14/05, 8/17/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

The examiner considered information Disclosure Statements submitted by the applicants on 4/25/07, 6/9/06, 4/14/05 and 8/17/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because

The claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. "A program for having a computer function as" is non-statutory. A program must be on a computer readable medium.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting

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directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stamper et al (US 6820265).

Regarding claims 1-9 Stamper teaches storing game data into the storage device as being RAM, ROM, flash memory or digital video drive (see col 3, lines 25-28). Stamper also discloses sharing data between two programs or players and the data being primary data or secondary data that stored in the storage device that are identified by flags or names and these data can interchangeably be accessed and be stored in order of high frequency or mostly used data (see col 3, lines 64-67 and col 4, lines 54-58). Stamper further teaches the acquiring of the game data from the memory and whether the stored data is player target data to the player or not and control the game software using the saved data in the memory (see col 5, lines 4-17). Stamper's teachings include memory 16 as being NV-RAM or non-volatile random access memory which is not lost in power failure issue (see col 5, lines 57-63). Stamper discloses how players can swap programs and choosing the game data primary or secondary to play as the target data and how they can remove or delete data using the system and also how they can distribute or share the game data between various game units using network or internet by giving example of a scenario (see col 3, lines 34-57, col 7, lines 35-67 and col 8, lines 1-57)

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Yoshizawa et al (6045447), Toyama et al (US 2001/0034267)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Masud Ahmed whose telephone number is 571 270 1315. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:30am-5: 30pm, Alt Fri, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Jackson can be reached on 571 272 4697. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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